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1. During the 1952 herring fishing season, the S.S. NARVIK and the S.S. BIALYSTOK were assigned as supply ships to the herring fleet operating north of Iceland.

2. Each ship acted as supply ship to approximately 40 trawlers.

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3. About 40 Soviet sailors were appointed to the Polish ships for the purpose of loading the herring from the trawlers. This is considered a job for experts on account of the rough seas prevalent in the area.

4. Twelve Soviet ships, acting as supply ships to roughly 40 trawlers each, comprised the remainder of the fleet.

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5. The season was stated to have been most successful, and the area was chosen at the instigation of a Soviet scientist who, in studying the life-cycle of the herring, is alleged to have discovered that the fish were in prime condition when they reached a point north of Iceland on their annual migration. This seems to have been borne out by results, as the average weight of the herring caught was 500 grams each.

6. The S.S. NARVIK and S.S. TORBUK were assigned to the job for 1953.

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